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**CIVIL ACTION** 

CIVIL ACTION NO.:

OG-3878(MC)

# NOTICE OF FILING

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United States District Court for the District of New Jersey U.S. Courthouse 402 E. State Street Trenton, NJ 08608

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) Defendant, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., filed a Notice of Removal of this action from the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Ocean County, Docket No. OCN-L-2122-06 to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (a copy of the Notice of Removal is attached hereto) on August 16, 2006, to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Trenton Vicinage.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHAL, DENNEHEY, WARNER, COLEMAN & GOGGIN

/s/ Michael G. Brennan MICHAEL G. BRENNAN, ESQUIRE Attorney for Defendant

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY TRENTON DIVISION

MELISSA M. VIETS and RUSSELL S. VIETS, Individually and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets,

Plaintiff(s),

CIVIL ACTION NO:

vs.

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Defendant(s).

# **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

The defendant, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. ("D.J.G."), by its undersigned attorneys, Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, LLP, submit this Notice of Removal from the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Ocean County, in which the above-captioned action is now pending to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Trenton Division. In support of this Notice, D.J.G. states as follows:

# BACKGROUND

- 1. On June 29, 2006, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Ocean County. The State Court action is docketed as Melissa M. Viets and Russell S. Viets, individually and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets vs. Doral Juvenile Group, Inc., Coscos, Inc., and Target Corporation, et al., Docket No.: OCN-L-2122-06. The Complaint was served upon DJG on or about July 21, 2006. (A true and correct copy of the Complaint and accompanying Summons is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".)
- 2. Plaintiffs allege that on or about July 2, 2004, the infant decedent, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, while traveling in the rear passenger seat of a vehicle, was involved in a motor vehicle accident. (See Complaint at Second Count, paragraph 4.) Plaintiffs allege that at the time of the accident, Jacqueline Nicole Viets was riding in an infant safety seat which was designed, manufactured, installed, altered, assembled, sold, distributed, marketed, inspected and tested by DJG. Plaintiffs allege that the seat was defective and such defect caused Jacqueline Nicole Viets to experience pain/suffering and death. (See Complaint at Sixth Count, paragraph 5.)
- 3. Plaintiffs' Complaint asserts claims for negligence against the operator of the other vehicle involved in the accident, Leonard D. Vanderwiele (First Count); a claim for Wrongful Death and Survival against Vanderwiele (Second Count); A claim for loss of services and emotional distress caused by the injuries sustained by Melissa M. Viets and the death of Jacqueline Nicole Viets against Vanderwiele (Third Count); A claim for negligent infliction of emotional distress by Plaintiffs, Russell Viets and Melissa M. Viets (Fourth Count and Fifth

Count); Strict liability against DJG (Sixth Count); Breach of express warranty against DJG (Seventh Count); Breach of implied warranty of merchantability against DJG (Eighth Count); Breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose against Dorel (Ninth Count); Gross negligence with a claim for punitive damages against DJG (Tenth Count); Strict Liability against Coscos; (Eleventh Count); Breach of express warranty by Coscos (Twelfth Count); Breach of implied warranty of merchantability against Coscos (Thirteenth Count); Breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose against Coscos (Fourteenth Count); Gross negligence and punitive damages against Coscos (Fifteenth Count); Strict Liability against Target (Sixteenth Count); Breach of express warranty against Target (Seventeenth Count); Breach of implied warranty of merchantability against Target (Eighteenth County); Breach of implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose against Target (Nineteenth County); Gross negligence and punitive damages against Target (Twentieth Count). Plaintiffs seek various forms of relief including compensatory and punitive damages, interest, costs of suit and attorney's fee. (See Complaint at wherefore clause.)

# THE PARTIES

- 4. According to the Complaint, Plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets and Russell S. Viets, individually and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, arc residents of New Jersey. They currently reside at 142 Mount Vernon Road, Township of Berkeley, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey.
- 5. Defendant, DJG is a company incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts with its principal place of business located at 2525 State Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201. Thus, DJG is a citizen of Massachusetts and Indiana for diversity purposes.

- 6. Cosco, Inc., (misnamed Coscos, Inc. in the Complaint) is a predecessor of DJG pursuant to a corporate merger which occurred in 2001. As a result of the merger Cosco, Inc., no longer exists as a separate corporate entity and, therefore, has no citizenship for diversity purposes and is not a proper party in this matter.
- 7. Defendant, Target, Inc., is a company incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota with its principal place of business at 1000 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55403. Thus, Target is a citizen of Minnesota for diversity purposes.

# **JURISDICTION**

- 8. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction of the action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332. This is a civil action between citizens of different States. Further, though plaintiff has not alleged a specific amount of damages, given the causes of action and damages alleged in the Complaint including compensatory damages and punitive damages, the amount in controversy will exceed the sum or value of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest or costs.
- 9. A specific amount claimed in excess of \$75,000.00 is not required for this Court to have subject matter jurisdiction. Various courts have found diversity jurisdiction where there has been some uncertainty as to the value of the claim. The amount of the claim need not be proven; rather, the amount is judged from the face of the Complaint and is generally established by a good faith allegation. Golden v. Golden, 382 F.3d 348 (3d Cir. 2004); Jumara v. State Farm Ins. Co., 553 F.3d 873, 877 (3d Cir. 1995).
- 10. The allegations in the Complaint indicate that the amount in controversy will exceed \$75,000.00. The Complaint alleges that Plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets, suffered injuries

which have disabled her since the accident and into the future. (First Count). In addition, the Complaint alleges a Count for wrongful death and survival (Second Count). The Plaintiff has made claims for loss of services and medical expenses (Third Count). In addition, Plaintiffs have made claims for compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorney's fees and costs including a claim for gross negligence against all defendants (Tenth Count, Fifteenth Count and Twentieth Count). The Third Circuit has stated that "...a request for punitive damages will generally satisfy the amount in controversy requirement because it cannot be stated to a legal certainty that the value of the plaintiff's claim is below the statutory minimum". Golden, at 382 F.3d 348, 355. These allegations demonstrate a reasonable probability that the amount in controversy will exceed \$75,000.00.

# **BASIS FOR REMOVAL**

- 11. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction on the basis of diversity of citizenship under 28 U.S.C. §1332. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441(a) as this is the Federal District Court for the District embracing the place where the State Court suit is pending.
- 12. This Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days of DJG's receipt of the Complaint as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(b).
- 13. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal will be provided to Plaintiff.

  A copy of this Notice will be filed in the appropriate State Court as required by 28 U.S.C.

  §1446(d).

WHEREFORE, Notice is given that this action is removed from the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Ocean County, to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Trenton Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARSHALL, DENNEHEY, WARNER, COLEMAN & GOGGIN,

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Defendant(s).

# CERTIFICATE OF FILING/SERVICE

The original and four (4) hard copies, as well as PDF disk, of the within Notice of Removal has been filed via hand delivery by Road Runner Courier Service with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Trenton Vicinage.

MARSHAL, DENNEHEY, WARNER, COLEMAN & GOGGIN

/s/ Michael G. Brennan MICHAEL G. BRENNAN, ESQUIRE

# PROOF OF SERVICE

On August 16, 2006, I, the undersigned, served the within Notice of Filing and Notice of Removal via hand delivery by Road Runner Courier Service to:

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I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statement made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

MARSHAL, DENNEHEY, WARNER, COLEMAN & GOGGIN

/s/ Michael G. Brennan MICHAEL G. BRENNAN, ESQUIRE

# EXHIBIT "A"

MICHAEL E. WILBERT, ESQ. 2640 Highway #70 Building 1A Manasquan, NJ 08736 (732) 528-8000 Attorney for Plaintiffs

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Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION OCEAN COUNTY DOCKET NO. OCN-2122-06

CIVIL ACTION

SUMMONS

The State of New Jersey, to Defendant:

DOREL JUVENILE GROUP, INC.

The plaintiffs named above, have filed a lawsuit against you in the Superior Court of New Jersey. The complaint attached to this summons states the basis for this lawsuit. If you dispute this complaint, you or your attorney must file a written answer or motion and proof of service with the deputy clerk of the Superior Court in the county listed above within 35 days from the date you received this summons, not counting the date you received it. (The address of each deputy clerk of the Superior

Court is provided.) If the complaint is one in foreclosure, then you must file your written answer or motion and proof of service with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, NJ 08625. A filing feet payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a complete Case Information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer or motion when it is filed. You must also send a copy of your answer or motion to plaintiff's attorney whose name and address appear above, or to plaintiff, if no attorney is named above. A telephone call will not protect your rights; you must file and service a written answer or motion (with fee and completed Case Information Statement) if you want the court to hear your defense.

If you do not file and serve a written answer or motion with 35 days, the court may enter a judgment against you for the relief plaintiff demands, plus interest and costs of suit. judgment is entered against you, the Sheriff may seize your money, wages or property to pay all or part of the judgment.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live. A list of these offices is provided. If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. list of these numbers is also provided.

DATED: 7/18/06

DONALD F. PHELAN, CLERK

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Name of Defendant to be served: DOREL JUVENILE GROUP, INC. C/O CORPORATION SERVICE Address of Defendant to be Served: COMPANY, 830 BEAR TAVERN ROAD, WEST TRENTON, NJ 08628

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DORBL JUVENILE GROUP, INC., a body corporate; COSCOS, INC., a body corporate; TARGET CORP., a body corporate; and JOHN DOE (1-10), ABC CORP. (1-10), (presently fictitious and unknown)

Defendants.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION
OCEAN COUNTY
DOCKET NO. CONTY

CIVIL ACTION

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY

Plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets and Russell S. Viets,
Individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of infant,
Jacqueline Nicole Viets, residing at 142 Mt. Vernon Road, in the
Township of Berkeley, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey,
by way of Complaint against the defendants, say:

#### FIRST COUNT

- 1. On or about July 2, 2004, plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets, was the operator of a motor vehicle owned by plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, which was being driven by her in a westerly direction on Serpentine Drive, in the Township of Berkeley, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey.
- 2. At the same time and place aforesaid, Leonard D. Vanderwiele, was the owner and operator of a motor vehicle which was being driven by him in an easterly direction on Serpentine Drive, in the Township of Berkeley, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey.
- 3. Vanderwiele was careless, reckless and negligent in the operation of his motor vehicle so as to cause it to collide with the vehicle operated by plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets.
- 4. As a direct and proximate result of the carelessness, recklessness and negligence of Vanderwiele, plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets, was injured, has incurred and in the future will incur expenses for the treatment of her injuries, has been disabled and in the future will be disabled and not able to perform her usual functions, and has and in the future will continue to be caused great pain and suffering, to her great loss and damage.

Default judgment was entered against Leonard D.
 Vanderwiele, on August 24, 2005 and Orders for Judgment were entered on October 14, 2005 and December 20, 2005.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets, demands judgment against the defendants, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate; Coscos, Inc., a body corporate; and Target Corp., a body corporate, for damages, together with interest and costs of suit.

#### SECOND COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the First Count of this Complaint, and make them a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. Plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, is the father of the deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, and on January 11, 2005, the Surrogate's Office of Ocean County, New Jersey, appointed plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, as Administrator ad Prosequendum of the estate of his said infant daughter.
- 3. At the time and place aforesaid, the deceased infant was a passenger in the motor vehicle being operated by plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets.
- 4. As a direct and proximate result of the carelessness, recklessness and negligence of Leonard D. Vanderwiele in the operation of his motor vehicle, plaintiff's decedent, Jacqueline

Nicole Viets, sustained bodily injuries, which subsequently caused her death.

- Plaintiff was liable for and has paid for certain hospital, medical, funeral and burial expenses and charges for the infant decedent.
- 6. The infant decedent, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, left surviving her, her mother and father, plaintiffs, Helissa M. Viets and Russell S. Viets, at the time of her demise, and by reason of the wrongful death of plaintiff's decedent, decedent's survivors have suffered pecuniary losses.
- 7. There is, and at the time of the accident hereinafter set forth, there was in force and effect in the State of New Jersey a death statute known and designated as N.J.S.A. 2A:31-1 through 6, and plaintiff brings this action pursuant to provisions thereof for the benefit of the next of kin of decedent.
- 8. This action is commenced within two years of the happening of the accident and death of decedent.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, as Administrator ad Prosequendum of the infant decedent, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demands damages against the defendants, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate; Coscos, Inc., a body corporate; and Target Corp., a body corporate, for such sum as would reasonably

and properly compensate him in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, together with interest and costs of suit.

# THIRD COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the First and Second Counts of this Complaint, and make them a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. At all times set forth herein, plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, was the husband of plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets, and the father of the infant decedent, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, and as such was responsible for their debts and entitled to their comfort, services and companionship.
- 3. As a direct and proximate result of the carelessness, recklessness and negligence of Leonard D. Vanderwiele in the operation of his motor vehicle, plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, was caused to suffer pain, suffering, loss of companionship, emotional distress and injury which injuries culminated in the death of his infant child.
- 4. Further, by reason of the negligence of Vanderwiele, plaintiff has been caused great expense, loss and trouble; plaintiff has been deprived of the services and society of his said wife; the ability of his said wife to render services and assistance to plaintiff has been impaired and depreciated, and will be so impaired and depreciated for a long time to come;

plaintiff has necessarily incurred expenses for medical attendance in attempting to cure the said Melissa M. Viets of her said injuries and it will be necessary for plaintiff to incur further expenses, all to plaintiff's damage.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demands judgment against the defendants, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate; Coscos, Inc., a body corporate; and Target Corp., a body corporate, for damages, together with interest and costs of suit.

#### FOURTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   First through Third Counts of this Complaint, and make them a
   part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. Plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, was summoned to the scene of the accident immediately after the occurrence on the date in question. He arrived on the scene while his wife, Melissa M. Viets, was being attended to by roadside personnel, and he became extremely concerned about the welfare of his wife. He also immediately observed the obvious pain and suffering that his infant child, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, was undergoing.
- Observation of both of these loved ones and family members severely traumatized plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, and he

has suffered emotional trauma and severe pain and suffering as a result of these observations. Plaintiff stayed on the scene until both of the injured parties were removed and was attendant at the hospital and at the declaration of death of his infant daughter.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demands judgment against the defendants, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate; Coscos, Inc., a body corporate; and Target Corp., a body corporate, for damages, together with interest and costs of suit.

#### FIFTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   First through Fourth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a
   part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. At the time and place aforesaid, plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets, was aware of and observed the obvious pain and suffering that her infant child, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, was undergoing. Observation of the plaintiff's infant daughter severely traumatized plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets, and she has suffered emotional trauma and severe pain and suffering as a result of these observations.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Melissa M. Viets, demands judgment against the defendants, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate; Coscos, Inc., a body corporate; and Target Corp., a body corporate, for damages, together with interest and costs of suit.

# SIXTH COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the First through Fifth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. Defendant, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate, (hereinafter "Dorel"), designed, manufactured, installed, altered, assembled, sold, distributed, marketed, inspected and tested the infant safety seat in which the deceased infant was sitting at the time and place of the accident aforesaid.
- 3. By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, assembly, sale, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, maintenance, lack of warning and/or repair of said infant safety seat, defendant, Dorel, is strictly liable in tort as the product(s) causing the harm was/were not reasonably fit, suitable or safe for its/their intended purpose(s).

- 4. Said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s) deviated from the design specifications, formulae or performance standards of the manufacturer or from otherwise identical units manufactured to the same manufacturing specifications or formulae and/or it/they failed to contain adequate warnings or instructions; and/or it/they was/were designed in a defective manner.
- 5. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Dorel, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

# SEVENTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   First through Sixth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a
   part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, alteration, assembly, sale,

distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, lack of warning, maintenance, and/or repair of said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s), defendant, Dorel, breached the express warranties created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:2-313.

3. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Dorel, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

wherefore, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Dorel Juvanile Group, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

# BIGHTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   Pirst through Seventh Counts of this Complaint, and make them a
   part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, alteration, assembly, sale, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, lack of warning, maintenance, and/or repair of said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s), defendant, Dorel, breached the

implied warranty of merchantability created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:2-314.

3. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Dorel, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

#### NINTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   First through Righth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a
   part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, alteration, assembly, sale, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, lack of warning, maintenance, and/or repair of said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s), defendant. Dorel, breached the implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:2-315.

3. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Dorel, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

# TENTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   First through Ninth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a
   part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. The foregoing conduct/omissions by defendant, Dorel, were done so with knowledge of a high degree of probability of harm and reckless knowledge of a high degree of probability of harm and reckless indifference to the consequences of said conduct/omissions, which conduct/omissions resulted in the death of the infant plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the

defendant, Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

#### RUEVENTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   Pirst through Tenth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a
   part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. Defendant, Coscos, Inc., a body corporate, (hereinafter "Coscos"), designed, manufactured, installed, altered, assembled, sold, distributed, marketed, inspected and tested the infant safety seat in which the deceased infant was sitting at the time and place of the accident aforesaid.
- By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding manufacture, installation. assembly, gale, the design, for, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring maintenance, lack of warning and/or repair of said infant safety seat, defendant, Coscos, is strictly liable in tort as the product(s) causing the harm was/were not reasonably fit, suitable or safe for its/their intended purpose(s).
- 4. Said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s) deviated from the design specifications, formulae or performance standards of the manufacturer or from otherwise identical units

manufactured to the same manufacturing specifications or formulae and/or it/they failed to contain adequate warnings or instructions; and/or it/they was/were designed in a defective manner.

5. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant. Coscos, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

wherefore, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Coscos, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

# TWELFTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   First through Bleventh Counts of this Complaint, and make them a
   part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, alteration, assembly, sale, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, lack of warning, maintenance, and/or repair of said infant safety seat,

and/or its component part(s), defendant, Coscos, breached the express warranties created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:2-313.

3. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Coscos, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Coscos, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

# THIRTEENTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   Pirst through Twelfth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a
   part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, alteration, assembly, sale, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, lack of warning, maintenance, and/or repair of said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s), defendant, Coscos, breached the implied warranty of merchantability created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:2-314.

3. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Coscos, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Coscos, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

#### FOURTEENTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   Pirst through Thirteenth Counts of this Complaint, and make them
   a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length
   herein.
- 2. By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, alteration, assembly, sale, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, lack of warning, maintenance, and/or repair of said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s), defendant, Coscos, breached the implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:2-315,

3. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Coscos, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Coscos, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

# FIFTERNIH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the First through Fourteenth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. The foregoing conduct/omissions by defendant, Coscos, were done so with knowledge of a high degree of probability of harm and reckless knowledge of a high degree of probability of harm and reckless indifference to the consequences of said conduct/omissions which conduct/omissions resulted in the death of the infant plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased

infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Coscos, Inc., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

#### SIXTERNTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   First through Pifteenth Counts of this Complaint, and make them
   a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length
   herein.
- 2. Defendant, Target Corp., a body corporate, (hereinafter "Target"), designed, manufactured, installed, altered, assembled, sold, distributed, marketed, inspected and tested the infant safety seat in which the deceased infant was sitting at the time and place of the accident aforesaid.
- 3. By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, assembly, sale, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, maintenance, lack of warning and/or repair of said infant safety seat, defendant, Target, is strictly liable in tort as the product(s) causing the harm was/were not reasonably fit, suitable or safe for its/their intended purpose(s).

- 4. Said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s) deviated from the design specifications, formulae or performance standards of the manufacturer or from otherwise identical units manufactured to the same manufacturing specifications or formulae and/or it/they failed to contain adequate warnings or instructions; and/or it/they was/were designed in a defective manner.
- 5. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Target, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Target Corp., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

#### SEVENTRENTH COUNT

 Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the First through Sixteenth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.

- 2. By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, alteration, assembly, sale, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, lack of warning, maintenance, and/or repair of said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s), defendant, Target, breached the express warranties created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:2-313.
- 3. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Target, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

MHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Target Corp., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

#### KICHTKENTH COUNT

- plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the Pirst through Seventeenth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, alteration, assembly, sale,

distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, lack of warning, maintenance, and/or repair of said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s), defendant, Target, breached the implied warranty of merchantability created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:2-314.

3. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Target, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Target Corp., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

#### MINETERNTH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the
   First through Eighteenth Counts of this Complaint, and make them
   a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length
   herein.
- By virtue of the facts and circumstances surrounding the design, manufacture, installation, alteration, assembly, sale, distribution, marketing, inspection, testing, caring for, lack of

warning, maintenance, and/or repair of said infant safety seat, and/or its component part(s), defendant, Target, breached the implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12A:2-315.

3. As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid conduct of the defendant, Target, plaintiffs were caused to experience pain/suffering and consequential death.

WHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Target Corp., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

# TWENTIETH COUNT

- Plaintiffs repeat the allegations contained in the Pirst through Nineteenth Counts of this Complaint, and make them a part hereof as if more specifically set forth at length herein.
- 2. The foregoing conduct/omissions by defendant, Target, were done so with knowledge of a high degree of probability of harm and reckless knowledge of a high degree of probability of harm and reckless indifference to the consequences of said

conduct/omissions which conduct/omissions resulted in the death of the infant plaintiff.

MHEREFORE, plaintiffs, Melissa M. Viets, Russell S. Viets, individually, and as Administrator ad Prosequendum of deceased infant, Jacqueline Nicole Viets, demand judgment against the defendant, Target Corp., a body corporate, for damages, both compensatory and punitive, interest, costs of suit, attorney's fees, and such other relief as the Court may deem equitable and just.

# DEMAND FOR JURY

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury as to all issues of the within Complaint.

#### DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Pursuant to Rule 4:25-4, plaintiffs hereby designate
MICHABL B. WILBERT, ESQ. as trial counsel in the within matter.

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-1(b)(2)

I hereby certify that the within matter in controversy is not the subject of any other action pending in any court, or of a pending arbitration proceeding. No other action or arbitration proceeding is contemplated at this time and there are no other parties who should be joined in this action.

I further certify that I am aware of the continuing obligation during the course of this litigation to file and

serve on all other parties and with the court an amended certification if there is a change in the facts stated herein.

# DEMAND FOR INSURANCE INFORMATION

Pursuant to Rule 4:10-2(b), demand is hereby made that you disclose to the undersigned whether there are any insurance agreements or policies under which any person or firm carrying on insurance business may be liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment which may be entered in this action, or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment.

DATED:

June, 29, 2006

MICHAEL E. WILBERT

Attorney for Plaintiffs